

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Lifeng ZHANG )  
Serial No.: 10/677,436 ) Group Art Unit: 1623  
Filed: October 2, 2003 )  
For: METHOD FOR IMPROVING VISCOSITY OF ) Examiner:  
THICKENERS FOR AQUEOUS SYSTEMS ) MAIER, Leigh C.  
 ) Confirmation No.: 9011  
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**VIA EFS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Examiner:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2009.  
A Request for an extension of time of one month has been previously submitted by EFS.

Please amend the Application as follows: